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# National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

### 1. Name of Property

historic name The Holland - Towne House

other names/site number \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. Location

street & number Massachusetts Route 32

N/A not for publication

city, town Petersham

N/A vicinity

state Massachusetts code MA

county Worcester

code 027

zip code 01366

### 3. Classification

#### Ownership of Property

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

#### Category of Property

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

#### Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>2</u>	_____ buildings
_____	_____ sites
<u>1</u>	_____ structures
_____	_____ objects
<u>3</u>	_____ Total

Name of related multiple property listing:

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

### 4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this  nomination  request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.  See continuation sheet.

Signature of certifying official William A. Talmage  
Executive Director, Massachusetts Historical  
State Historic Preservation Officer

Date 12/13/89  
Commission;

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.  See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

State or Federal agency and bureau

### 5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register.

See continuation sheet.

determined eligible for the National Register.  See continuation sheet.

determined not eligible for the National Register.

removed from the National Register.

other, (explain:) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic / Single Dwelling
Agriculture / Agricultural Outbuilding;
Agricultural Field
Landscape / Unoccupied Land; Forest

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Agriculture / Agricultural Outbuilding;
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Landscape / Unoccupied Land; Forest

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

Colonial / Cape Cod

foundation Stone / Granite
walls Wood / Weatherboard
roof Asphalt
other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Holland-Towne House and Barn are located in the northern portion of Petersham, a small highland residential community in northwestern Worcester County, central Massachusetts. Built in 1752, the house is a one-and-a-half story, remarkably intact center-chimney, second period vernacular residence that exhibits characteristics confirming its mid-eighteenth century origin. The simple building sits on its original site whose rural setting of gently rolling hills, broad meadows, and forestland bordered by low stone walls has survived essentially unaltered for more than two hundred years. A large and intact vertically sheathed barn, probably dating from the turn of the 19th century or before, completes the unspoiled rural setting. The property, on which hay is still harvested, reflects the region's agricultural development. It is located approximately three-quarters of a mile northeast of the Petersham Common Historic District (NR 1982).

The Holland-Towne House and Barn are one-fifth of a mile up Ward Hill Road, an unimproved private right-of-way off Massachusetts Route 32, locally referred to as North Main Street. Ward Hill Road, also known as Woolsey Lane, intersects land holdings of the Woolsey family of Cambridge, Massachusetts. The Holland-Towne House is located on a rise 160 feet north of Ward Hill Road, with the barn between it and the road. A narrow, rutted cart path runs between house and barn. The landscape immediately to the north and west adjoins a large conservation area known as the Harvard Forest. The only nearby buildings are an 1838 Greek Revival structure 475 feet southeast of the Holland-Towne House, originally used as the town hall for the community of Prescott and moved to the site (NR 1989); and a nineteenth century house fronting on North Main Street at the foot of Ward Hill Road. The Holland-Towne House is used as a summer cottage by friends of the owners, and the house on North Main Street is occupied throughout the year.

The three-bay Holland-Towne House, oriented on an east-west axis, appropriately faces south, as was common during its construction period due to of the extremes of New England weather and the importance of absorbing as much heat as possible from the southerly winter sun. The building exhibits the simple, one-and-a-half story, two-room-deep, center-chimney plan of the Cape Cod style house. (1) Its original hand-hewn, pegged and chamfered heavy

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timber framing with cross bracing is typical of domestic architecture of its region and era. The house sits on a low fieldstone foundation measuring approximately twenty-seven by thirty-seven feet. The exterior of the 1752 building is sheathed with white-painted wood clapboards on all four sides and is defined at the junctions of the walls by narrow cornerboards. Some early clapboards remain, particularly at the west end, and their much-weathered condition may indicate they were unpainted for some time. A neutral ca. 1930 rear addition, sheathed with stained vertical wood siding, is compatible in scale, form, and materials, and does not compromise the integrity of the resource. This addition is screened by vegetation and is sited to minimize its presence while giving prominence to the original building. The moderately pitched gable roof of the original building is clad with dark grey asphalt shingles, its line broken only by the central brick chimney and two gabled dormers on the rear, or north side. The chimney appears to have been rebuilt or at least repointed since 1752, as would be expected. The provenance of the dormers is unknown; physical examination does not definitively reveal date of construction.

The symmetrical south facade of the Holland-Towne House serves as the entrance front; its central doorway is flanked by one window on either side, each evenly spaced within the wall plane. A single granite slab leads to the panelled wood door whose surround consists of a five-light trabeated transom flanked by plain trim boards. The simply enframed twelve-over-twelve, double-hung wood sash windows with operable shutters are set up high, close to the eave, as is typical with this housetype. The east and west gable ends are both pierced by one six-over-six sash window in the attic gable, and a twelve-over-twelve sash window on the first level in each of the two front rooms. The east elevation also contains a narrow French-style double door, not original to the building, but with enframing and placement consistent with the house's original features. The north elevation is broken by a characteristic twelve-over-twelve sash window and a small three-over-three window.

Two single window gable dormers exhibit eight-over-eight, double-hung sash and are sheathed on the sides with unpainted wood shingles. The dormer windows are of appropriate size and pane configuration for this style of building, but are not likely original construction. A ca. 1930 one-story addition is attached to the house at the northeast corner, and is covered with vertical wood siding, stained a medium grey. Its roofline is lower than that of the 1752 construction. A one-story screened porch on the north side connects the original house with the rear ell.

The interior of the Holland-Towne House retains its 1752 plan with two front rooms flanking the center chimney and a full-width kitchen to the rear. It is

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conceivable that the kitchen may have at one time been divided, with a small room on the east end, but this is conjecture and not clearly supported by physical evidence. Interior panelled doors, trim, hardware, random-width wood floors, and wall material are original or of early nineteenth century provenance. The front entrance opens into a small hall or porch which leads to the parlor on the left (west) and the chamber on the right (east). The walls of the east chamber are plaster covering riven lath with horizontal sheathing on the lower half, forming a wainscot. The fireplace here is capped with a simple mantel and frame. In this chamber are located features that are believed to be rare surviving characteristics of Petersham second-period houses, specifically a sliding candle shelf to the left of the fireplace and a built-in double-leaved cupboard which accommodated a fold-down bed.<sup>(2)</sup> A rare and possibly unique feature found in the chamber and the kitchen is the arrangement of wrought-iron eyes in the ceilings several feet in front of the fireplaces. The eyes in the chamber are placed in a rectangle two feet by five feet, suggesting the use of a suspended cradle, while those in the kitchen may have supported a bed or bed hanging as indicated by their handsome bevelled panelling on the fireplace wall, which also contains two cupboards with similarly panelled doors, and a sliding candle shelf. A molded, eared architrave defines the opening of the fireplace. The three remaining walls are of plaster with simple beaded baseboard, beaded chair rail, and cornice moldings. Both the parlor and the chamber lead into the kitchen at the rear. The kitchen has remained nearly intact since original construction, with all four walls covered by rough unpainted boards in an alternating vertical and horizontal pattern. Physical evidence suggests ceiling moldings may have been added and removed at a later date. The room is dominated by a third-period bake oven and narrow mantelshelf. Some repointing appears to have taken place in the hearth and the brick walls of the fireplace. The original back door on the north wall now enters the screened porch of the addition, and a later set of French doors on the east wall, compatible in scale and materials with original detailing, leads outdoors to a small brick patio at grade level.

The two chambers on the attic floor are lighted by their north-facing dormers and reveal the original framing pattern of the roof with pegged cross bracing, hand-hewn chamfered members and riven lath. Swedish maritime charts of the early nineteenth century are permanently adhered to the interior wall of a closet located at the northeast corner of the upper story.

The large barn, one-and-a-half stories, is gable-roofed with naturally weathered vertical board cladding. Essentially rectangular in plan, oriented on a north-south axis, the barn has a shed extension running the full length of its south side. Large, double doors of painted, vertical boards open on both the north and east sides of the building. The barn interior is primarily open space with a hay loft at one end. The roof is covered with asphalt shingles.

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The Holland-Towne House, occupied occasionally, is currently in a well-maintained condition. The barn houses farm machinery that is used in the haying operation on the property. In 1987, the Woolsey family donated a preservation easement on the Holland-Towne House and barn with 16.541 acres to the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities in Boston, Massachusetts.

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### Archaeological Description

While prehistoric sites may have been present on the property, no archaeological exploration has taken place to uncover them. However, the environs may have significant potential for historical/archaeological remains and investigation could yield information about what is known locally as the Clay Pit, the first brick making establishment in Petersham. The brick yard is described as having been located on Ward Hill behind the Holland-Towne House.

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**8. Statement of Significance**

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally  statewide  locally

Applicable National Register Criteria  A  B  C  D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions)  A  B  C  D  E  F  G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Agriculture

Architecture

Period of Significance

1752 - 1939

Significant Dates

1752

1787

ca. 1800

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

Holland, Captain Park

Holland, Luther

Architect/Builder

Holland, Jonas

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The Holland-Towne House retains integrity of location, design, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association. Erected in 1752, it is among Petersham's earliest extant dwellings and is important to the history of Massachusetts as one of a small number of farms which survive with their fields, stone walls, barn, and forest land intact, thereby providing physical evidence for interpretation of the region's development. It is a rare local exemplar of mid-eighteenth domestic architecture, and pre-dates the incorporation of the Town of Petersham by two years, reflecting the simple lifestyle of its early inhabitants as well as the agricultural economy which characterized this part of Massachusetts. The barn on the site, of late eighteenth or very early nineteenth century construction, is also an uncommon survivor. Both buildings retain distinctive hallmarks of type, period, and method of assembly and finish. Additionally, of the approximately forty-five acres forming the surrounding landscape of the Holland-Towne House which comprise the original boundaries of the Holland family agricultural holdings of the mid-eighteenth century, the sixteen and a half acres included in this nomination form the core of that original plot of land. The property retains its early system of stone walls. The property is also significant for its connection to Luther Holland, an early owner who established the first brick yard in town, and, with his brother, Park, an important military figure in Shays's Rebellion (1786-1787). The Holland-Towne House and Barn fulfill Criteria A, B, and C of the National Register of Historic Places at the Local level.

The town of Petersham in central Massachusetts was granted under the name of Nichewaug in 1733 with seventy-two houselots drawn in October of that year. It incorporated under its present name on April, 20 1754. Within twenty years of settlement, in 1792, the Holland family came to the community from Shrewsbury, Massachusetts.<sup>(3)</sup> At that time, Nichewaug, a Native American term meaning "hamlet on the hill," was an isolated upland village defined by few roads, a grist mill and a saw mill, and a plentitude of troubles with the

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local indigent population. In 1750, the proprietors' clerk recorded sixty-one families as property owners, of whom forty-seven resided in the area. A public address given on the 100th anniversary of Petersham described the town prior to 1790 as lacking a central core, with its few farmsteads widely dispersed within a mile of the church, established in 1738.<sup>(4)</sup> The Holland House was one of the farmsteads on the outer perimeter of settlement.

The oldest extant building in Petersham is the Gay House (1740), a single-story, gambrel-roofed, three bay, center-chimney dwelling. Three other single-story, center-chimney houses have been recorded by the Massachusetts Historical Commission as surviving, of which the Holland-Towne House is one.

The Holland ancestors, originally from London, England, were a family of soldiers, engineers, and investors. They settled first in Watertown and then Shrewsbury, Massachusetts. Within a year of the family's arrival in Petersham, Jonas Holland built his farmstead at the top of Ward Hill, about three-quarters of a mile northeast of the geographic center of the community. Jonas, with his second wife, Bathsheba (Ivory), raised four sons and two daughters in the house, engaging in subsistence farming and, with their sons, establishing the first brickmaking enterprise in town. The claypit for the brickyard is on the hill behind the Holland-Towne House. Sons Luther and Park Holland lived here until the age of majority and distinguished themselves in military service during Shays' Rebellion. With Jonas's death in 1771, son Jonathan acquired the property, which he conveyed to his brother Luther sometime prior to 1814.

Park and Luther Holland's noteworthy participation in Shays' Rebellion is chronicled in the diary of the former.<sup>(5)</sup> Both brothers, especially Park, who was captain in the Continental Army and later a member of the General Court of Massachusetts, fought in the Revolutionary War and later joined others dissatisfied with post-war economic conditions and an inability of the new Republic to compensate fully those who fought for its establishment. Shays' insurrection, known for its leader Daniel Shays of nearby Pelham, involved the Petersham area where in 1787 nearly all the local buildings sheltered a number of Shays' men as they fled the Republican army, hastily raised to quell the rebellion. Given the Holland brothers' involvement with Daniel Shay, it can be assumed that troops were quartered at the Holland homestead. Park Holland was a captain of the rebel forces, and his brother an active participant. Shays' Rebellion is significant because it made the state legislature aware that the Confederation was powerless to protect itself from invasion or domestic violence, which was a factor in the adoption of the Federal Constitution.

The Holland-Towne House left the Holland family on October 15, 1816, when its then fifty acres were conveyed to William Johnson, who also assumed

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responsibility for running the brickyard. Johnson family records indicated that Amos Johnson moved to the site in 1823 and helped brother William work the farm until 1832, when the property, still intact with fifty acres, was sold to Joseph Hinds. Various members of the Hinds family owned the farmstead until it was purchased in 1877 by Dwight Towne for \$1,400 from Mary Hinds Peckham. Up to this point, brickmaking remained the chief livelihood of those who owned the property, complementing consistent agricultural operations. Dwight Towne, listed in Petersham records as a farmer, was coincidentally the grandson of Amos Johnson who lived in the house until 1832. It was Dwight Towne whose name became attached to the property with the Holland name.<sup>(7)</sup>

On September 5, 1919, Alice B. Woolsey, wife of Federal Justice John Munro Woolsey, purchased the Holland-Towne house and its fifty or so acres as a summer cottage. The house served as guest quarters for friends of the Woolseys' including: John Angel, the distinguished sculptor who worked on the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City; Louis B. Wehle, nephew of Mr. Justice Brandeis; and artist Rudolph Ruzicka, widely known for his book design, typography, and woodcuts.<sup>(8)</sup>

The Holland-Towne House, a modest second period, center-chimney dwelling, is a rare example of the earliest surviving domestic building form in central Massachusetts. Essentially two rooms deep with a small lobby entrance in front of the central stair and chimney, this house type is increasingly being described with the term Cape Cod style, whether actually located on the Cape or not.<sup>(9)</sup> It is a residential form derived from English vernacular precedent in a post-medieval tradition and transported to the American colonies. The center-chimney house plan was built in either one or two stories, each with similar room organization, usage, and structural system. The distinction between one- and two-story houses pertained to the wealth and social pretensions of their owners.

As one of only a few such dwellings of mid-eighteenth century construction in the Petersham area, the Holland-Towne House may possess features that are unique to it alone as well as features apparently characteristic specifically to Petersham. The arrangement of wrought iron eyes in the ceilings in front of the fireplaces in the chamber and the kitchen seems to indicate that a cradle was suspended from one and larger bed or bedhanging from the other. Evidence of these ceilings hooks has not been found in other houses of the region. In the chamber to the right of the entry are elements that parallel those of other local houses of similar date. These are the sliding candleshelf between the cupboards to the left of the fireplace and the large, double door cupboard that traditionally held a fold-down bed. A similar original folding bed is found nearby at the Captain Brown House on East Street. The sliding candleshelf and bed are idiosyncratic in Petersham.

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The architectural distinction of the "Little (Woolsey) cottage on the Hill" was recognized in September 1938, when members of the Walpole Society made a pilgrimage to its hilltop site. The Walpole Society, founded in Hartford, Connecticut, in 1910, was an association of collectors who shared an interest in early American arts and crafts and enjoyed companionship of like-minded antiquarians. The Society journeyed to sites of special historic and architectural merit, including some as far away from New England as Virginia. Judge Woolsey became a member of the Walpole Society in 1916. On September 23, 1938, two days after a devastating hurricane, members of the Society visited the Walpole property. Norman Morrison Isham, Rhode Island's highly regarded restoration architect, was among those present. His account of the architectural explorations made that day describes the old house with its very interesting interior sheathing, and unique arrangement of paneling.<sup>(10)</sup>

The form of the large barn on the site demonstrates the change from English to what has been termed the New England barn type, the evolution of which gradually occurred from about 1800 to 1850. The location of the double-leaved door on the long north side may indicate a pre-1800 construction date (the English barn style) with subsequent adaptations and modifications. These adaptations characteristically involved the addition of longitudinal bays and the relocation or addition of a door into the gable end. This procedure also frequently required relocating the door to one side of the gable end and constructing a shed extension along the side wall (in this case, the south side) to produce the desired spatial configuration to accommodate a larger scale of farm operations and machinery. Thus the typical method of barn modernization in New England is well portrayed by the barn at the Holland-Towne House.<sup>(11)</sup> A survey of Massachusetts barns conducted for Sturbridge Village in the 1970s reveals that few of these "modernized" English barns still exist in recognizable form in the central part of Massachusetts.<sup>(12)</sup> The ca. 1800 date of the barn is also confirmed by wrought nails holding its weathered siding to framing members.

The sixteen-and-a-half acres of land surrounding the Holland-Towne House and Barn reflect the core portion of the nearly fifty acres associated with the 1752 construction, rendering the site significant for its landscape. The unspoiled rural setting at the top of Ward Hill retains old drylaid fieldstone walls, meadowlands on which hay is still harvested, and considerable amounts of second-growth forest. With development rapidly encroaching on the rural quality of this upland region of Massachusetts, few of the post-medieval field patterns with dwelling and barn remain.<sup>(13)</sup> When Alice Woolsey acquired the property in 1919, she had the site surveyed and created a plan to maintain the landscape which called for keeping the extensive pine woods on the western acres, the stone walls meandering through the land, and a spring and brush swamp south of the house and barn. The cow pass from lower to upper pasture across Ward Hill Road was also identified on the plan, a copy of which is on

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file at the Worcester County land records office.

The Holland-Towne House and landscape are a rare and intact property that significantly contributes to our understanding of the earliest settlement of Petersham, Massachusetts. Both the house and the barn are important surviving architectural artifacts that embody characteristics of the colonial period of building design and construction, and enhance our perception of the rural New England agricultural economy prior to 1919. Finally, the Holland-Towne House is significant for its owners' participation in Shays' Rebellion, a post-Revolutionary War insurrection that took place in central Massachusetts and that helped lead to the adoption of the federal constitution.

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FOOTNOTES

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2. Rick Detweiller, "Recommended Preservation Restrictions: Holland-Towne House" (Undated and unpublished manuscript prepared for the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities, Boston, Massachusetts), no pagination.
3. Captain Park Holland, "Notes and Memoirs of Park Holland, Esq. of Petersham, Massachusetts" (Unpublished manuscript available at the Petersham Memorial Library, Petersham, Massachusetts), Part 1, p. 2.
4. Edmund Burke Willson, An Address Delivered in Petersham, Massachusetts, July 7, 1854 in Commemoration of the One Hundredth Anniversary... (Boston, Massachusetts: Crosby and Nichols, 1855).
5. Holland, p. 2.
6. T. H. Johnson, ed., The Oxford Companion to American History (New York: Oxford University Press, 1966), p. 719.
7. I am grateful to Delight Haines, Librarian of the Petersham Memorial Library, who provided genealogical information on the Holland, Johnson, and Towne families.
8. This information has been provided by John M. Woolsey, current owner of the Holland-Towne House, and is based on material in the Woolsey family records.
9. Hubka, p. 36.
10. The Walpole Society: 1938 Notebook (Boston, Massachusetts: Printed by the Walpole Society). pp. 68, 69.
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Athol Quadrangle

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- B. 18 731420 4709100

Barre Quadrangle

- C. 18 731420 4708820
- D. 18 731180 4708840

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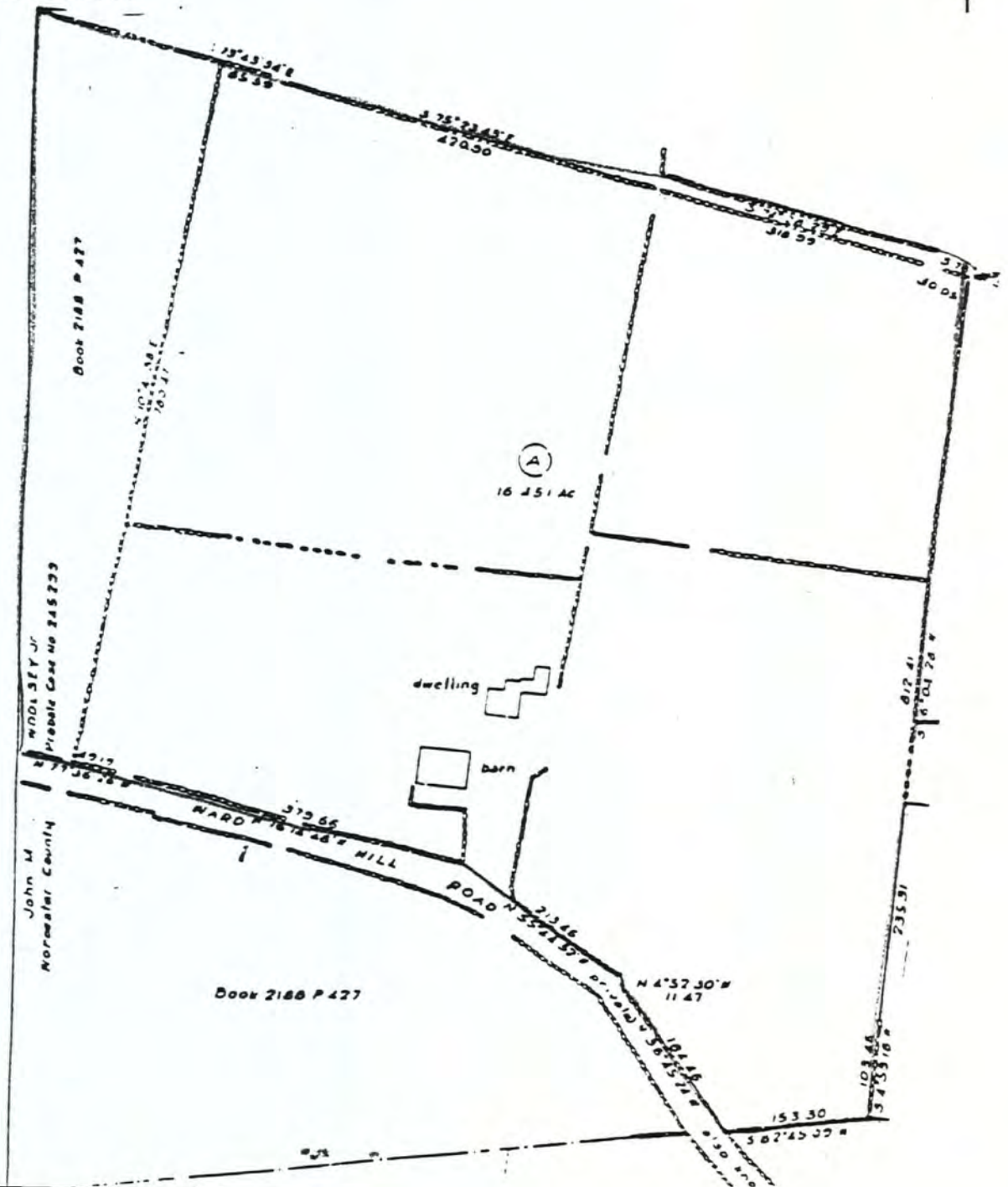
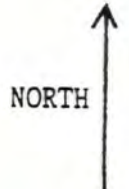
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SKETCH #1

SITE PLAN

Holland Towne House  
Ward Hill Road  
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Scale 1"=100'



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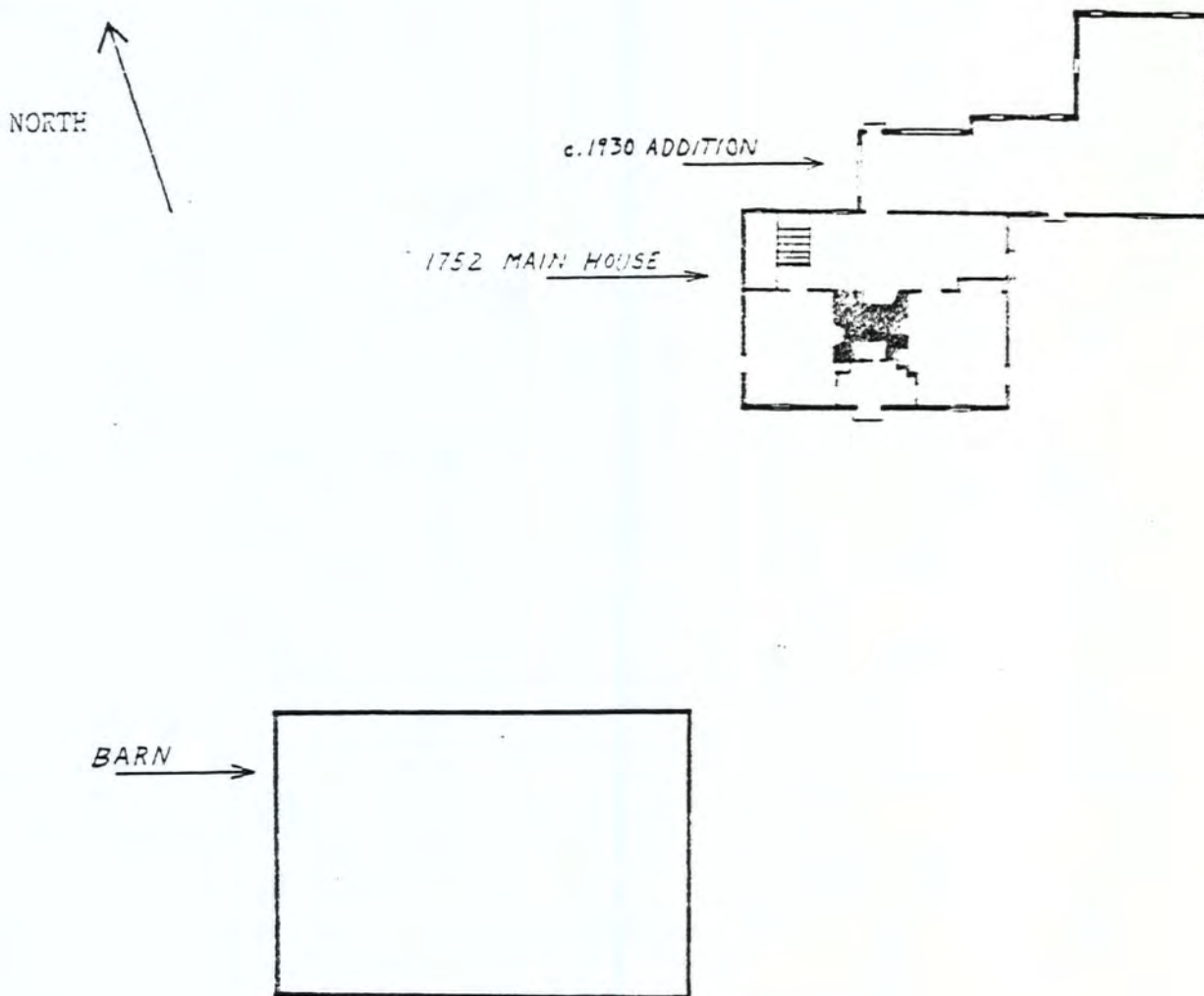
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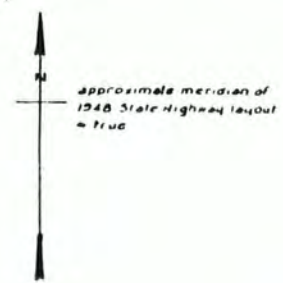
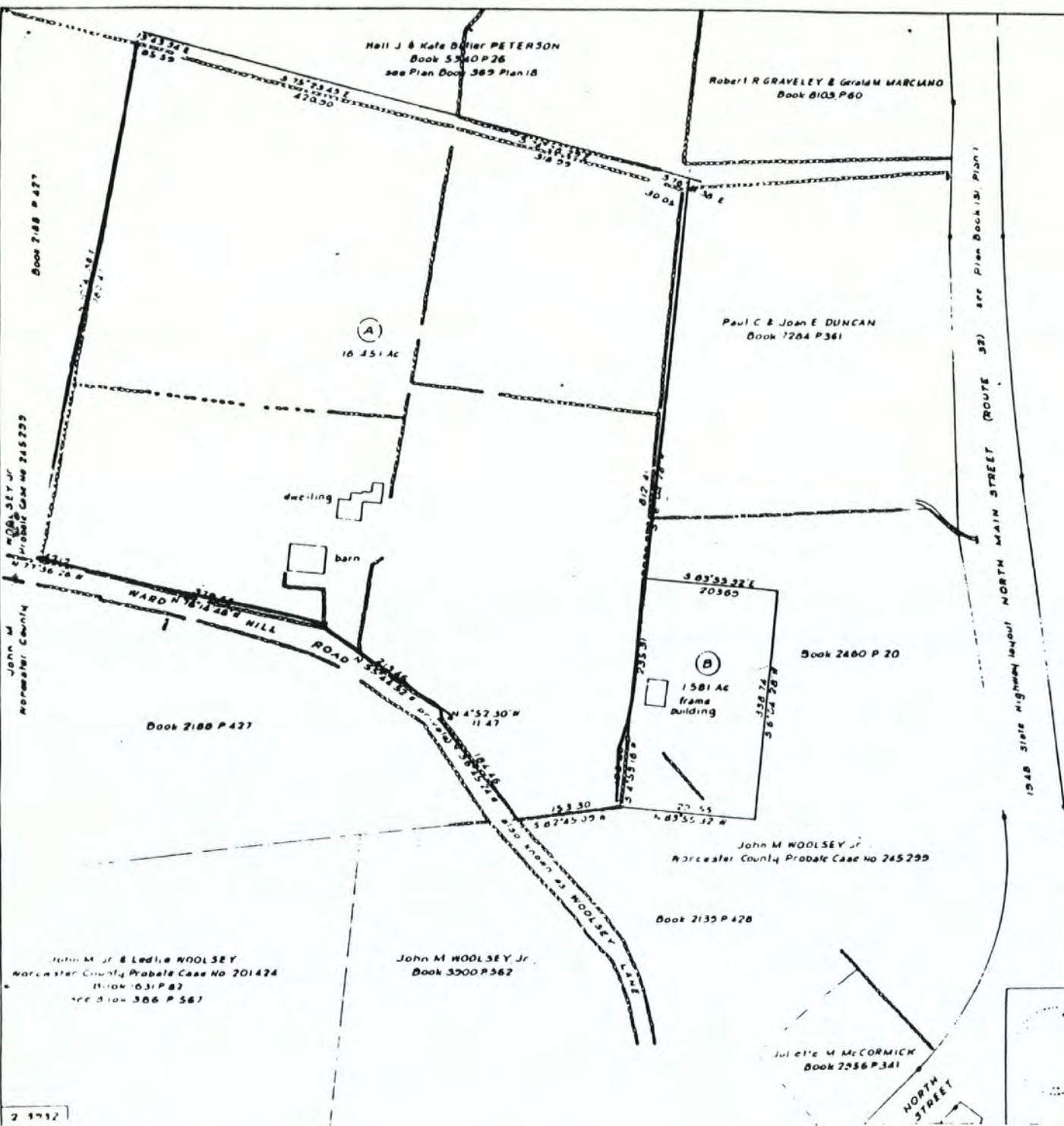
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### FLOOR PLAN

Holland Towne House  
Ward Hill Road  
Petersham, Massachusetts

Scale 1"=25'





**SITE PLAN**

Holland-Towne House  
Ward Hill Road  
Petersham, Massachusetts

Subject Property is labeled as  
Lot A, and comprises 16+ acres.  
Stone walls along perimeter  
form boundaries.

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PLAN OF LAND IN PETERSHAM PREPARED FOR JOHN M WOOLSEY JR		25 May 1985
Berry Engineering Inc.		Petersham Mass

PLAN of FARM  
 IN  
 The Town of Petersham, Mass.  
 owned by  
**ALICE B. WOOLSEY.**  
 Scale 200 ft. to an inch.



Note: Stone Fences shown thus

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Holland--Towne House

MULTIPLE NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: MASSACHUSETTS, Worcester

DATE RECEIVED: 12/26/89      DATE OF PENDING LIST: 1/09/90  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 1/25/90      DATE OF 45TH DAY: 2/09/90  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 89002327

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N    DATA PROBLEM: N    LANDSCAPE: N    LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N  
OTHER: N    PDIL: N    PERIOD: N    PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N  
REQUEST: N    SAMPLE: N    SLR DRAFT: Y    NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT     RETURN     REJECT    2/9/90 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

*see attached sheet.*

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REVIEWER Sadaf  
DISCIPLINE Architectural History  
DATE 2/9/90

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments (Y) see attached SLR Y/N

CLASSIFICATION

count  resource type

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

historic  current

DESCRIPTION

architectural classification  
 materials  
 descriptive text

SIGNIFICANCE

Period Areas of Significance--Check and justify below

Specific dates Builder/Architect  
Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

summary paragraph  
 completeness  
 clarity  
 applicable criteria  
 justification of areas checked  
 relating significance to the resource  
 context  
 relationship of integrity to significance  
 justification of exception  
 other

BIBLIOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

acreage  verbal boundary description  
 UTMS  boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

sketch maps  USGS maps  photographs  presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

Signed *Bob L. Jurse*

Phone (202) 343-9540  
Date 2/9/90

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**Significance:**

No area of significance is indicated corresponding with eligibility under criterion B. Please provide.

The case for the property's agricultural significance relies on its character as an intact settlement-era farmstead replete with dwelling, barn, fields, secondary forest, and a system of stone walls; however, less than half of the historic acreage is being nominated. The justification for nominating only the 16.5 acres protected by the easement was because of a subdivision plan which was not realized. Thus the boundary represents a line of convenience which severely impairs the property's integrity as an intact farmstead--it seems to only represent an appropriate setting for the house and barn. Does the original historically related acreage retain integrity as well? Please review and revise boundary and/or justification accordingly.

Please provide justification for the period of significance terminus of 1939. Was this an arbitrary cut-off, and if so, why? The statement of significance states that the property can enhance our perception of the rural New England agricultural economy prior to 1919. Thus, was 1919 intended to be the terminus? Please address.

**Classification:**

Both building(s) and structure are checked. Please choose one category which is most appropriate and delete any others.

*Robert J. Savage  
2/9/90*

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# National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

### 1. Name of Property

historic name The Holland - Towne House

other names/site number \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. Location

street & number Massachusetts Route 32

N/A not for publication

city, town Petersham

N/A vicinity

state Massachusetts code MA

county Worcester code 027

zip code 01366

### 3. Classification

#### Ownership of Property

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

#### Category of Property

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

#### Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>2</u>	_____ buildings
_____	_____ sites
<u>1</u>	_____ structures
_____	_____ objects
<u>3</u>	_____ Total

Name of related multiple property listing:

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

### 4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this  nomination  request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.  See continuation sheet.

Valerie A. Talmage  
Signature of certifying official Executive Director, Massachusetts Historical  
State Historic Preservation Officer

12/13/89 (6/22/90)  
Date Commission;

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.  See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

State or Federal agency and bureau \_\_\_\_\_

### 5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register.  
 See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register.  See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain:) \_\_\_\_\_

Beth A. Savage  
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Beth A. Savage Signature of the Keeper

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Date of Action

**6. Function or Use**

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic / Single Dwelling  
Agriculture / Agricultural Outbuilding;  
Agricultural Field  
Landscape / Unoccupied Land; Forest

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic / Single Dwelling  
Agriculture / Agricultural Outbuilding;  
Agricultural Field  
Landscape / Unoccupied Land; Forest

**7. Description**

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Colonial / Cape Cod

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone / Granite  
 walls Wood / Weatherboard  
 roof Asphalt  
 other \_\_\_\_\_

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Holland-Towne House and Barn are located in the northern portion of Petersham, a small highland residential community in northwestern Worcester County, central Massachusetts. Built in 1752, the house is a one-and-a-half story, remarkably intact center-chimney, second period vernacular residence that exhibits characteristics confirming its mid-eighteenth century origin. The simple building sits on its original site whose rural setting of gently rolling hills, broad meadows, and forestland bordered by low stone walls has survived essentially unaltered for more than two hundred years. A large and intact vertically sheathed barn, probably dating from the turn of the 19th century or before, completes the unspoiled rural setting. The property, on which hay is still harvested, reflects the region's agricultural development. It is located approximately three-quarters of a mile northeast of the Petersham Common Historic District (NR 1982).

The Holland-Towne House and Barn are one-fifth of a mile up Ward Hill Road, an unimproved private right-of-way off Massachusetts Route 32, locally referred to as North Main Street. Ward Hill Road, also known as Woolsey Lane, intersects land holdings of the Woolsey family of Cambridge, Massachusetts. The Holland-Towne House is located on a rise 160 feet north of Ward Hill Road, with the barn between it and the road. A narrow, rutted cart path runs between house and barn. The landscape immediately to the north and west adjoins a large conservation area known as the Harvard Forest. The only nearby buildings are an 1838 Greek Revival structure 475 feet southeast of the Holland-Towne House, originally used as the town hall for the community of Prescott and moved to the site (NR 1989); and a nineteenth century house fronting on North Main Street at the foot of Ward Hill Road. The Holland-Towne House is used as a summer cottage by friends of the owners, and the house on North Main Street is occupied throughout the year.

The three-bay Holland-Towne House, oriented on an east-west axis, appropriately faces south, as was common during its construction period due to of the extremes of New England weather and the importance of absorbing as much heat as possible from the southerly winter sun. The building exhibits the simple, one-and-a-half story, two-room-deep, center-chimney plan of the Cape Cod style house.<sup>(1)</sup> Its original hand-hewn, pegged and chamfered heavy

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timber framing with cross bracing is typical of domestic architecture of its region and era. The house sits on a low fieldstone foundation measuring approximately twenty-seven by thirty-seven feet. The exterior of the 1752 building is sheathed with white-painted wood clapboards on all four sides and is defined at the junctions of the walls by narrow cornerboards. Some early clapboards remain, particularly at the west end, and their much-weathered condition may indicate they were unpainted for some time. A neutral ca. 1930 rear addition, sheathed with stained vertical wood siding, is compatible in scale, form, and materials, and does not compromise the integrity of the resource. This addition is screened by vegetation and is sited to minimize its presence while giving prominence to the original building. The moderately pitched gable roof of the original building is clad with dark grey asphalt shingles, its line broken only by the central brick chimney and two gabled dormers on the rear, or north side. The chimney appears to have been rebuilt or at least repointed since 1752, as would be expected. The provenance of the dormers is unknown; physical examination does not definitively reveal date of construction.

The symmetrical south facade of the Holland-Towne House serves as the entrance front; its central doorway is flanked by one window on either side, each evenly spaced within the wall plane. A single granite slab leads to the panelled wood door whose surround consists of a five-light trabeated transom flanked by plain trim boards. The simply enframed twelve-over-twelve, double-hung wood sash windows with operable shutters are set up high, close to the eave, as is typical with this housetype. The east and west gable ends are both pierced by one six-over-six sash window in the attic gable, and a twelve-over-twelve sash window on the first level in each of the two front rooms. The east elevation also contains a narrow French-style double door, not original to the building, but with enframing and placement consistent with the house's original features. The north elevation is broken by a characteristic twelve-over-twelve sash window and a small three-over-three window.

Two single window gable dormers exhibit eight-over-eight, double-hung sash and are sheathed on the sides with unpainted wood shingles. The dormer windows are of appropriate size and pane configuration for this style of building, but are not likely original construction. A ca. 1930 one-story addition is attached to the house at the northeast corner, and is covered with vertical wood siding, stained a medium grey. Its roofline is lower than that of the 1752 construction. A one-story screened porch on the north side connects the original house with the rear ell.

The interior of the Holland-Towne House retains its 1752 plan with two front rooms flanking the center chimney and a full-width kitchen to the rear. It is

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conceivable that the kitchen may have at one time been divided, with a small room on the east end, but this is conjecture and not clearly supported by physical evidence. Interior panelled doors, trim, hardware, random-width wood floors, and wall material are original or of early nineteenth century provenance. The front entrance opens into a small hall or porch which leads to the parlor on the left (west) and the chamber on the right (east). The walls of the east chamber are plaster covering riven lath with horizontal sheathing on the lower half, forming a wainscot. The fireplace here is capped with a simple mantel and frame. In this chamber are located features that are believed to be rare surviving characteristics of Petersham second-period houses, specifically a sliding candle shelf to the left of the fireplace and a built-in double-leaved cupboard which accommodated a fold-down bed.<sup>(2)</sup> A rare and possibly unique feature found in the chamber and the kitchen is the arrangement of wrought-iron eyes in the ceilings several feet in front of the fireplaces. The eyes in the chamber are placed in a rectangle two feet by five feet, suggesting the use of a suspended cradle, while those in the kitchen may have supported a bed or bed hanging as indicated by their handsome bevelled panelling on the fireplace wall, which also contains two cupboards with similarly panelled doors, and a sliding candle shelf. A molded, eared architrave defines the opening of the fireplace. The three remaining walls are of plaster with simple beaded baseboard, beaded chair rail, and cornice moldings. Both the parlor and the chamber lead into the kitchen at the rear. The kitchen has remained nearly intact since original construction, with all four walls covered by rough unpainted boards in an alternating vertical and horizontal pattern. Physical evidence suggests ceiling moldings may have been added and removed at a later date. The room is dominated by a third-period bake oven and narrow mantelshelf. Some repointing appears to have taken place in the hearth and the brick walls of the fireplace. The original back door on the north wall now enters the screened porch of the addition, and a later set of French doors on the east wall, compatible in scale and materials with original detailing, leads outdoors to a small brick patio at grade level.

The two chambers on the attic floor are lighted by their north-facing dormers and reveal the original framing pattern of the roof with pegged cross bracing, hand-hewn chamfered members and riven lath. Swedish maritime charts of the early nineteenth century are permanently adhered to the interior wall of a closet located at the northeast corner of the upper story.

The large barn, one-and-a-half stories, is gable-roofed with naturally weathered vertical board cladding. Essentially rectangular in plan, oriented on a north-south axis, the barn has a shed extension running the full length of its south side. Large, double doors of painted, vertical boards open on both the north and east sides of the building. The barn interior is primarily open space with a hay loft at one end. The roof is covered with asphalt shingles.

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The Holland-Towne House, occupied occasionally, is currently in a well-maintained condition. The barn houses farm machinery that is used in the haying operation on the property. In 1987, the Woolsey family donated a preservation easement on the Holland-Towne House and barn with 16.541 acres to the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities in Boston, Massachusetts.

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### Archaeological Description

While prehistoric sites may have been present on the property, no archaeological exploration has taken place to uncover them. However, the environs may have significant potential for historical/archaeological remains and investigation could yield information about what is known locally as the Clay Pit, the first brick making establishment in Petersham. The brick yard is described as having been located on Ward Hill behind the Holland-Towne House.

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**8. Statement of Significance**

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally     statewide     locally

Applicable National Register Criteria     A     B     C     D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions)     A     B     C     D     E     F     G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Period of Significance

Significant Dates

Architecture  
Military

1752 - 1919

1752

1787

ca. 1800

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

Holland, Captain Park  
Holland, Luther

Architect/Builder

Holland, Jonas

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The Holland-Towne House retains integrity of location, design, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association. Erected in 1752, it is among Petersham's earliest extant dwellings and is important to the history of Massachusetts as one of a small number of farms which survive with their fields, stone walls, barn, and forest land intact, thereby providing physical evidence for interpretation of the region's development. It is a rare local exemplar of mid-eighteenth domestic architecture, and pre-dates the incorporation of the Town of Petersham by two years, reflecting the simple lifestyle of its early inhabitants as well as the agricultural economy which characterized this part of Massachusetts. The barn on the site, of late eighteenth or very early nineteenth century construction, is also an uncommon survivor. Both buildings retain distinctive hallmarks of type, period, and method of assembly and finish. Additionally, of the approximately forty-five acres forming the surrounding landscape of the Holland-Towne House which comprise the original boundaries of the Holland family agricultural holdings of the mid-eighteenth century, the sixteen and a half acres included in this nomination form the core of that original plot of land. The property retains its early system of stone walls. The property is also significant for its connection to Luther Holland, an early owner who established the first brick yard in town, and, with his brother, Park, an important military figure in Shays's Rebellion (1786-1787). The Holland-Towne House and Barn fulfill Criteria B, and C of the National Register of Historic Places at the Local level.

The town of Petersham in central Massachusetts was granted under the name of Nichewaug in 1733 with seventy-two houselots drawn in October of that year. It incorporated under its present name on April, 20 1754. Within twenty years of settlement, in 1792, the Holland family came to the community from Shrewsbury, Massachusetts.<sup>(3)</sup> At that time, Nichewaug, a Native American term meaning "hamlet on the hill," was an isolated upland village defined by few roads, a grist mill and a saw mill, and a plentitude of troubles with the

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**9. Major Bibliographical References**

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Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository:

Massachusetts Historical Commission

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of property approximately 16.5 acres

UTM References

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B          
 Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal Boundary Description

As recorded in the Worcester County Court House, 2 Main Street, Worcester, Massachusetts the parcel of land upon which this resource sits is #547. The boundary of land being nominated is delineated in the accompanying Plan of Land. See Sketch #1. A complete boundary description is found in Deed book 2188, Page 427.

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Boundary Justification

The boundary includes the immediate environs of the Holland-Towne House that maintain contributing historical integrity. The metes and bounds correspond to a surveyor's assessment of the site completed in 1985 which was prepared with the intention of subdividing this parcel. A subdivision never took place. The boundary corresponds to that established for the preservation restrictions held by the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities.

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local indigent population. In 1750, the proprietors' clerk recorded sixty-one families as property owners, of whom forty-seven resided in the area. A public address given on the 100th anniversary of Petersham described the town prior to 1790 as lacking a central core, with its few farmsteads widely dispersed within a mile of the church, established in 1738.<sup>(4)</sup> The Holland House was one of the farmsteads on the outer perimeter of settlement.

The oldest extant building in Petersham is the Gay House (1740), a single-story, gambrel-roofed, three bay, center-chimney dwelling. Three other single-story, center-chimney houses have been recorded by the Massachusetts Historical Commission as surviving, of which the Holland-Towne House is one.

The Holland ancestors, originally from London, England, were a family of soldiers, engineers, and investors. They settled first in Watertown and then Shrewsbury, Massachusetts. Within a year of the family's arrival in Petersham, Jonas Holland built his farmstead at the top of Ward Hill, about three-quarters of a mile northeast of the geographic center of the community. Jonas, with his second wife, Bathsheba (Ivory), raised four sons and two daughters in the house, engaging in subsistence farming and, with their sons, establishing the first brickmaking enterprise in town. The claypit for the brickyard is on the hill behind the Holland-Towne House. Sons Luther and Park Holland lived here until the age of majority and distinguished themselves in military service during Shays' Rebellion. With Jonas's death in 1771, son Jonathan acquired the property, which he conveyed to his brother Luther sometime prior to 1814.

Park and Luther Holland's noteworthy participation in Shays' Rebellion is chronicled in the diary of the former.<sup>(5)</sup> Both brothers, especially Park, who was captain in the Continental Army and later a member of the General Court of Massachusetts, fought in the Revolutionary War and later joined others dissatisfied with post-war economic conditions and an inability of the new Republic to compensate fully those who fought for its establishment. Shays' insurrection, known for its leader Daniel Shays of nearby Pelham, involved the Petersham area where in 1787 nearly all the local buildings sheltered a number of Shays' men as they fled the Republican army, hastily raised to quell the rebellion. Given the Holland brothers' involvement with Daniel Shay, it can be assumed that troops were quartered at the Holland homestead. Park Holland was a captain of the rebel forces, and his brother an active participant. Shays' Rebellion is significant because it made the state legislature aware that the Confederation was powerless to protect itself from invasion or domestic violence, which was a factor in the adoption of the Federal Constitution.

The Holland-Towne House left the Holland family on October 15, 1816, when its then fifty acres were conveyed to William Johnson, who also assumed

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responsibility for running the brickyard. Johnson family records indicated that Amos Johnson moved to the site in 1823 and helped brother William work the farm until 1832, when the property, still intact with fifty acres, was sold to Joseph Hinds. Various members of the Hinds family owned the farmstead until it was purchased in 1877 by Dwight Towne for \$1,400 from Mary Hinds Peckham. Up to this point, brickmaking remained the chief livelihood of those who owned the property, complementing consistent agricultural operations. Dwight Towne, listed in Petersham records as a farmer, was coincidentally the grandson of Amos Johnson who lived in the house until 1832. It was Dwight Towne whose name became attached to the property with the Holland name.<sup>(7)</sup>

On September 5, 1919, Alice B. Woolsey, wife of Federal Justice John Munro Woolsey, purchased the Holland-Towne house and its fifty or so acres as a summer cottage. The house served as guest quarters for friends of the Woolseys' including: John Angel, the distinguished sculptor who worked on the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City; Louis B. Wehle, nephew of Mr. Justice Brandeis; and artist Rudolph Ruzicka, widely known for his book design, typography, and woodcuts.<sup>(8)</sup>

The Holland-Towne House, a modest second period, center-chimney dwelling, is a rare example of the earliest surviving domestic building form in central Massachusetts. Essentially two rooms deep with a small lobby entrance in front of the central stair and chimney, this house type is increasingly being described with the term Cape Cod style, whether actually located on the Cape or not.<sup>(9)</sup> It is a residential form derived from English vernacular precedent in a post-medieval tradition and transported to the American colonies. The center-chimney house plan was built in either one or two stories, each with similar room organization, usage, and structural system. The distinction between one- and two-story houses pertained to the wealth and social pretensions of their owners.

As one of only a few such dwellings of mid-eighteenth century construction in the Petersham area, the Holland-Towne House may possess features that are unique to it alone as well as features apparently characteristic specifically to Petersham. The arrangement of wrought iron eyes in the ceilings in front of the fireplaces in the chamber and the kitchen seems to indicate that a cradle was suspended from one and larger bed or bedhanging from the other. Evidence of these ceilings hooks has not been found in other houses of the region. In the chamber to the right of the entry are elements that parallel those of other local houses of similar date. These are the sliding candleshelf between the cupboards to the left of the fireplace and the large, double door cupboard that traditionally held a fold-down bed. A similar original folding bed is found nearby at the Captain Brown House on East Street. The sliding candleshelf and bed are idiosyncratic in Petersham.

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The architectural distinction of the "Little (Woolsey) cottage on the Hill" was recognized in September 1938, when members of the Walpole Society made a pilgrimage to its hilltop site. The Walpole Society, founded in Hartford, Connecticut, in 1910, was an association of collectors who shared an interest in early American arts and crafts and enjoyed companionship of like-minded antiquarians. The Society journeyed to sites of special historic and architectural merit, including some as far away from New England as Virginia. Judge Woolsey became a member of the Walpole Society in 1916. On September 23, 1938, two days after a devastating hurricane, members of the Society visited the Walpole property. Norman Morrison Isham, Rhode Island's highly regarded restoration architect, was among those present. His account of the architectural explorations made that day describes the old house with its very interesting interior sheathing, and unique arrangement of paneling.<sup>(10)</sup>

The form of the large barn on the site demonstrates the change from English to what has been termed the New England barn type, the evolution of which gradually occurred from about 1800 to 1850. The location of the double-leaved door on the long north side may indicate a pre-1800 construction date (the English barn style) with subsequent adaptations and modifications. These adaptations characteristically involved the addition of longitudinal bays and the relocation or addition of a door into the gable end. This procedure also frequently required relocating the door to one side of the gable end and constructing a shed extension along the side wall (in this case, the south side) to produce the desired spatial configuration to accommodate a larger scale of farm operations and machinery. Thus the typical method of barn modernization in New England is well portrayed by the barn at the Holland-Towne House.<sup>(11)</sup> A survey of Massachusetts barns conducted for Sturbridge Village in the 1970s reveals that few of these "modernized" English barns still exist in recognizable form in the central part of Massachusetts.<sup>(12)</sup> The ca. 1800 date of the barn is also confirmed by wrought nails holding its weathered siding to framing members.

The sixteen-and-a-half acres of land surrounding the Holland-Towne House and Barn reflect the core portion of the nearly fifty acres associated with the 1752 construction, rendering the site significant for its landscape. The unspoiled rural setting at the top of Ward Hill retains old drylaid fieldstone walls, meadowlands on which hay is still harvested, and considerable amounts of second-growth forest. With development rapidly encroaching on the rural quality of this upland region of Massachusetts, few of the post-medieval field patterns with dwelling and barn remain.<sup>(13)</sup> When Alice Woolsey acquired the property in 1919, she had the site surveyed and created a plan to maintain the landscape which called for keeping the extensive pine woods on the western acres, the stone walls meandering through the land, and a spring and brush swamp south of the house and barn. The cow pass from lower to upper pasture across Ward Hill Road was also identified on the plan, a copy of which is on

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file at the Worcester County land records office.

The Holland-Towne House and landscape are a rare and intact property that significantly contributes to our understanding of the earliest settlement of Petersham, Massachusetts. Both the house and the barn are important surviving architectural artifacts that embody characteristics of the colonial period of building design and construction, and enhance our perception of the rural New England agricultural economy prior to 1919. Finally, the Holland-Towne House is significant for its owners' participation in Shays' Rebellion, a post-Revolutionary War insurrection that took place in central Massachusetts and that helped lead to the adoption of the federal constitution.

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9. Hubka, p. 36.
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workmanship, feeling, and association. Erected in 1752, it is among Petersham's earliest extant dwellings and is important to the history of Massachusetts as one of a small number of farms which survive with their fields, stone walls, barn, and forest land intact, thereby providing physical evidence for interpretation of the region's development. It is a rare local exemplar of mid-eighteenth century domestic architecture, and pre-dates the incorporation of the Town of Petersham by two years, reflecting the simple lifestyle of its early inhabitants as well as the agricultural economy which characterized this part of Massachusetts. The barn on the site, of late eighteenth or early nineteenth century construction, is also an uncommon survivor. Both buildings retain distinctive hallmarks of type, period, and method of assembly and finish. Additionally, of the approximately forty-five acres forming the surrounding landscape of the Holland-Towne House which comprise the original boundaries of the Holland family agricultural holdings of the mid-eighteenth century, the sixteen and a half acres included in this nomination form the core of that original plot of land. The property retains its early system of stone walls. The property is also significant for its connection to Luther Holland, an early owner who established the first brick yard in town, and, with his brother, Park, an important military figure in Shays's Rebellion (1786-1787).

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Athol Quadrangle

- A. 18 731260 4709140
- B. 18 731420 4709100

Barre Quadrangle

- C. 18 731420 4708820
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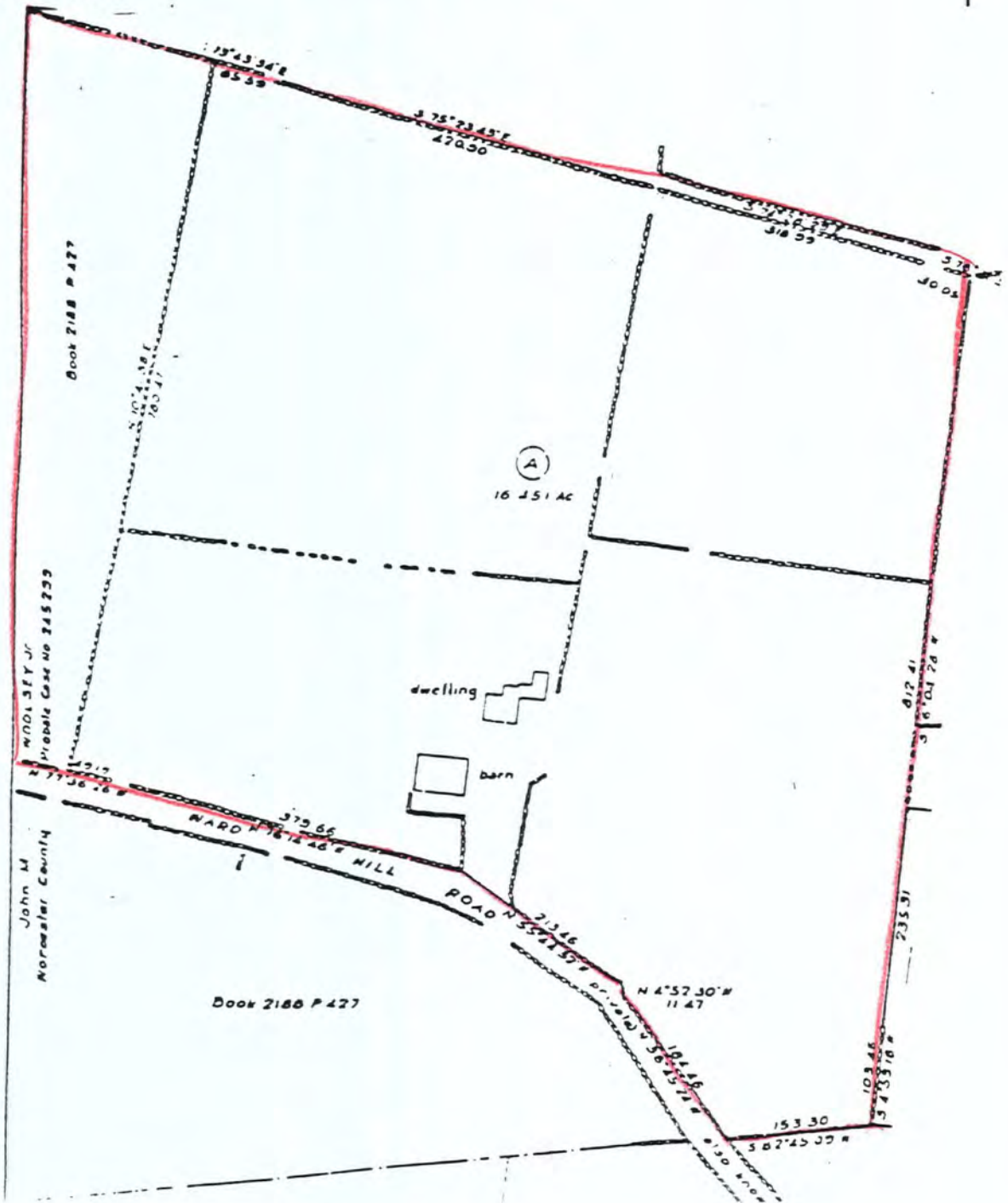
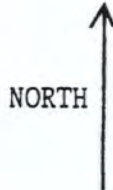
The Holland-Towne House  
Petersham, MA

SKETCH #1

SITE PLAN

Holland Towne House  
Ward Hill Road  
Petersham, Massachusetts

Scale 1"=100'



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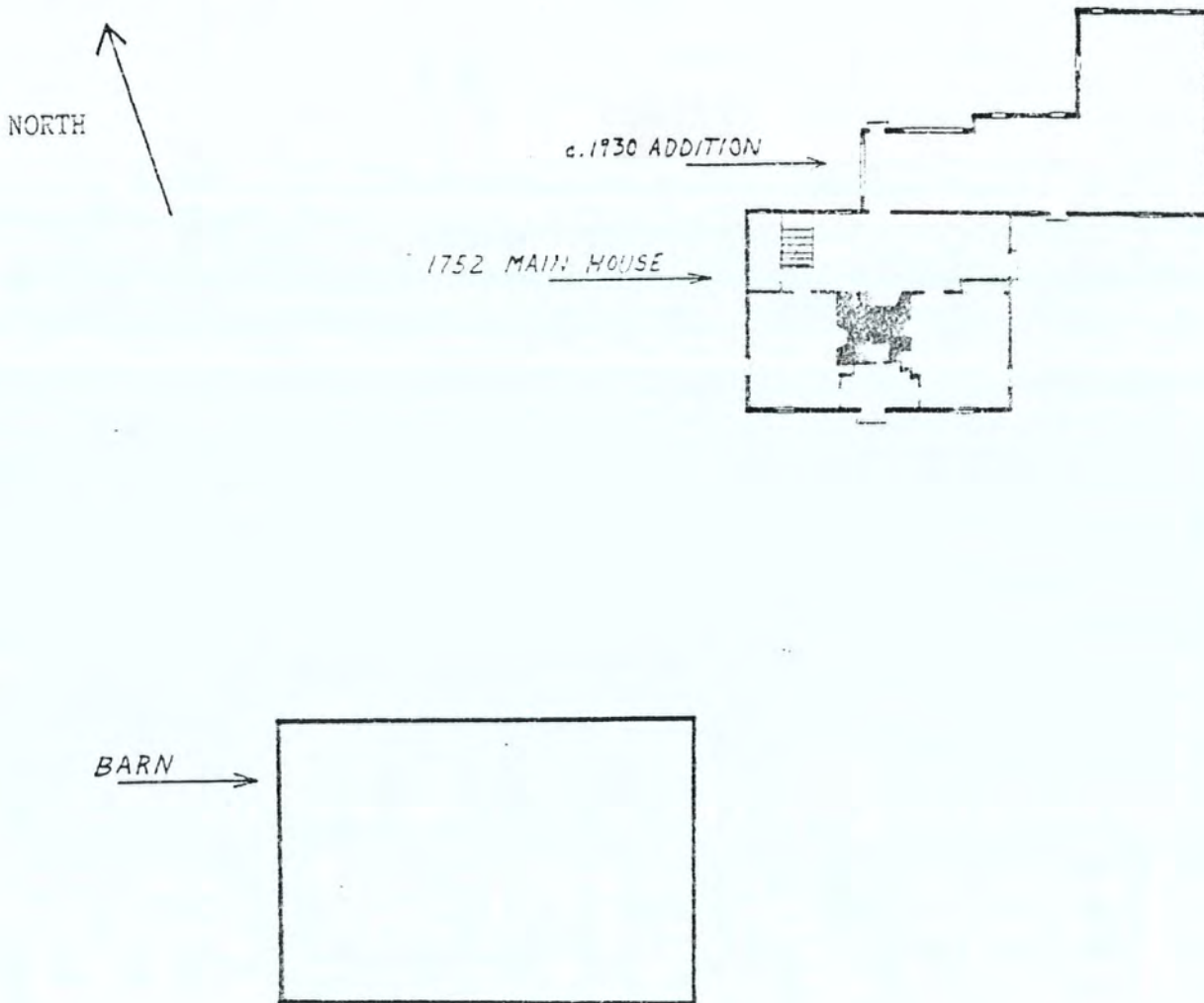
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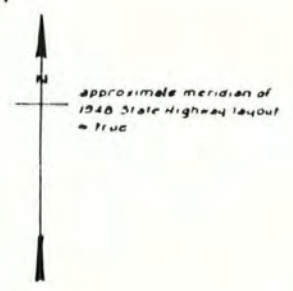
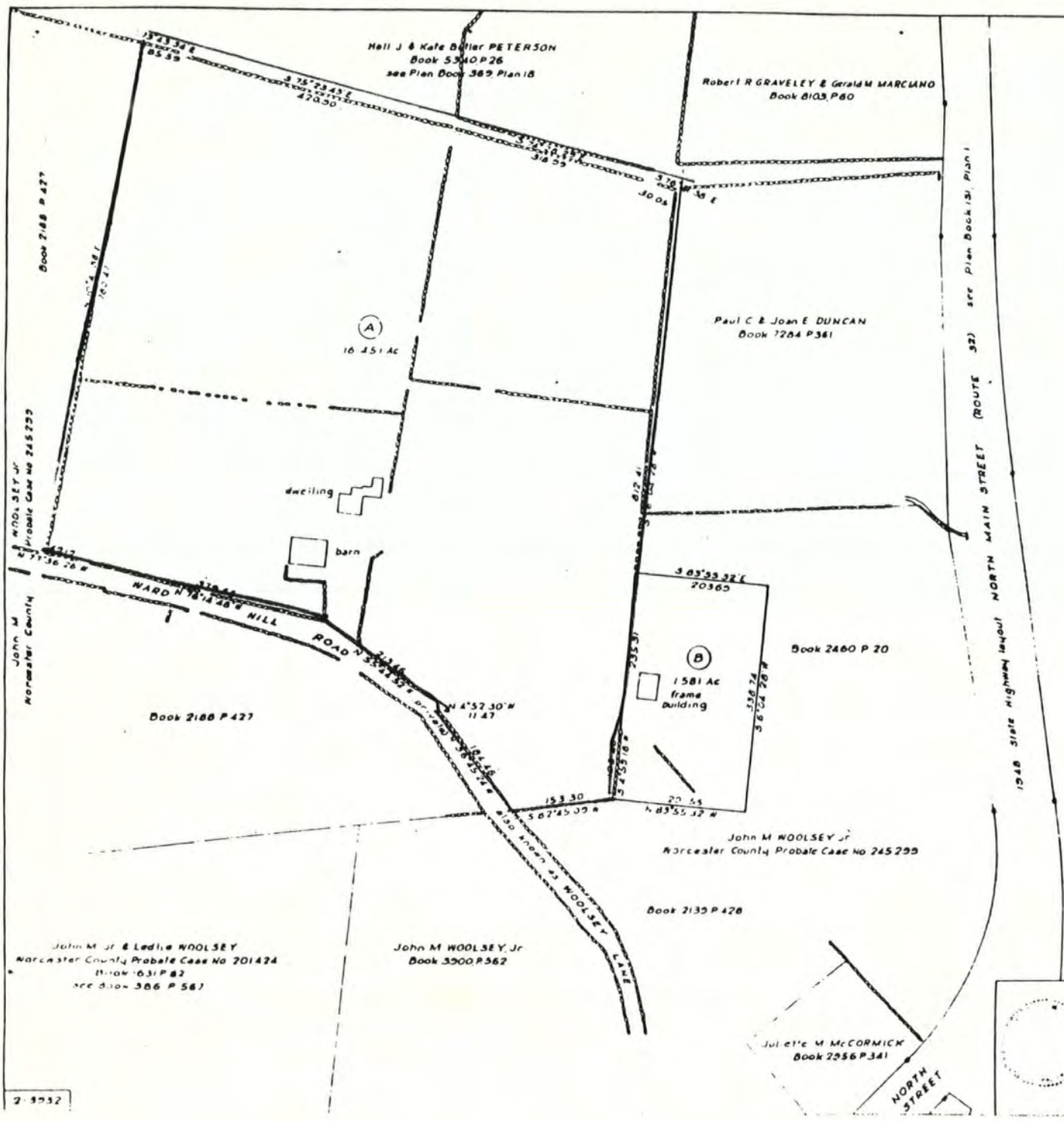
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### FLOOR PLAN

Holland Towne House  
Ward Hill Road  
Petersham, Massachusetts

Scale 1"=25'





SITE PLAN

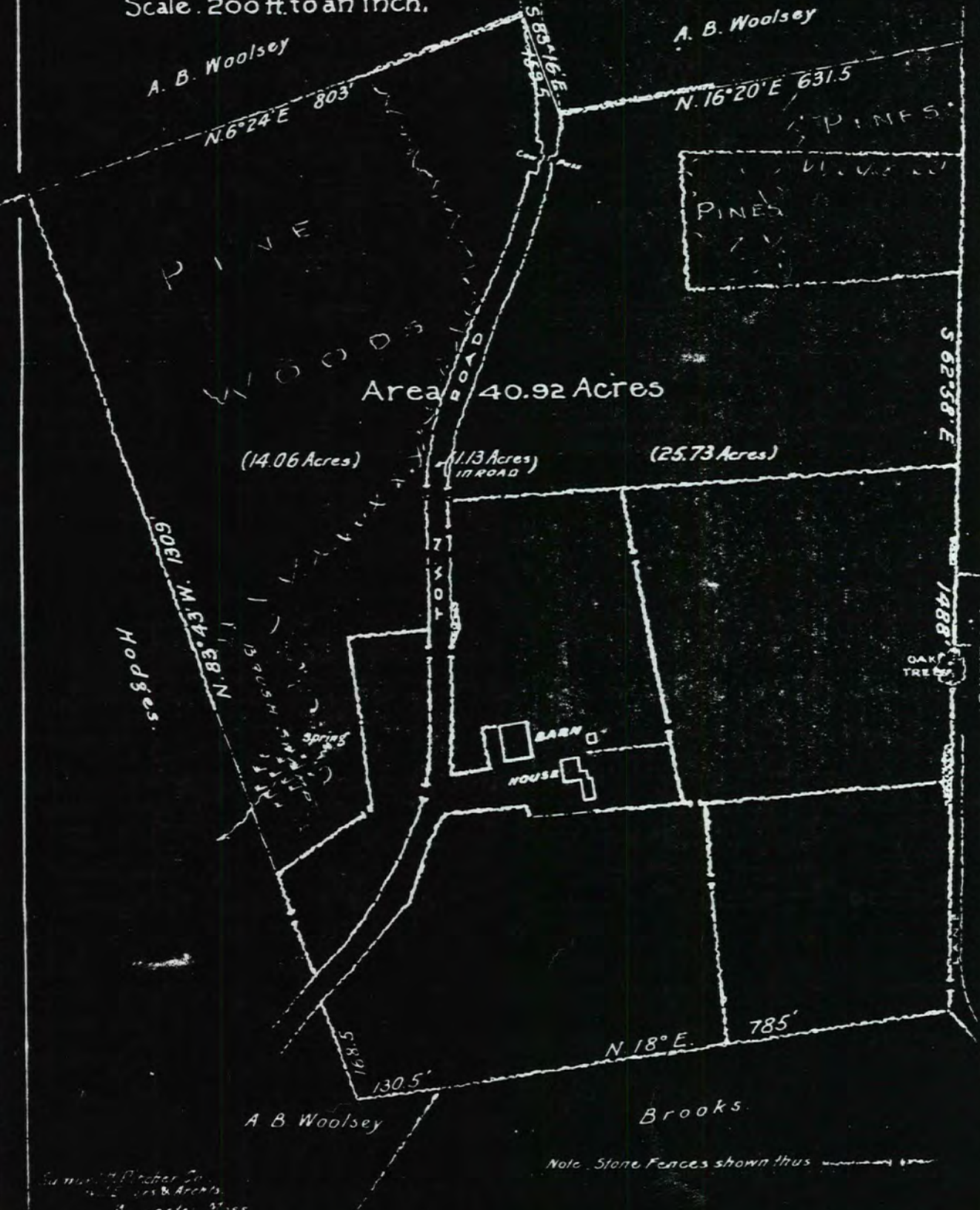
Holland-Towne House  
Ward Hill Road  
Petersham, Massachusetts

Subject Property is labeled as Lot A, and comprises 16+ acres. Stone walls along perimeter form boundaries.

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	PLAN OF LAND IN PETERSHAM PREPARED FOR JOHN M WOOLSEY JR			
				25 May 1985
	Barry Engineering Inc.  Petersham Mass			U.S. 100

PLAN of FARM  
 IN  
 The Town of Petersham, Mass.  
 owned by  
**ALICE B. WOOLSEY.**  
 Scale 200 ft. to an inch.



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Note. Stone Fences shown thus

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: RESUBMISSION

PROPERTY NAME: Holland--Towne House

MULTIPLE NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: MASSACHUSETTS, Worcester

DATE RECEIVED: 6/29/90

DATE OF PENDING LIST:

DATE OF 16TH DAY:

DATE OF 45TH DAY: 8/13/90

DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 89002327

NOMINATOR: STATE

DETAILED EVALUATION: Y

ACCEPT  RETURN  REJECT 8/13/90 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

*Locally significant as a rare exemplar of mid 18th-century domestic architecture with significant portion of rural landscape intact, and for association with participants in Shay's Rebellion.*

*Initial return comments have been addressed.*

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept B+C  
REVIEWER Source  
DISCIPLINE Architectural History  
DATE 8/13/90

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR (Y/N)

CLASSIFICATION

count       resource type

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

historic       current

DESCRIPTION

architectural classification  
 materials  
 descriptive text

SIGNIFICANCE

Period      Areas of Significance--Check and justify below

Specific dates      Builder/Architect  
Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

summary paragraph  
 completeness  
 clarity  
 applicable criteria  
 justification of areas checked  
 relating significance to the resource  
 context  
 relationship of integrity to significance  
 justification of exception  
 other

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

acreage       verbal boundary description  
 UTM's       boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

sketch maps       USGS maps       photographs       presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



The Holland-Towne House  
Massachusetts Route 32  
Ward Hill Road  
Petersham, Massachusetts

Photo #1 of 8

Landscape, barn & se elevation of house.

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Photo #2 of 8

South elevation of house

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East elevation of house

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West elevation of house,  
Showing addition at rear

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First floor, southwest parlor

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Kitchen, at rear. South interior wall.

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Barn; East and north elevations

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Barn: West and north elevations

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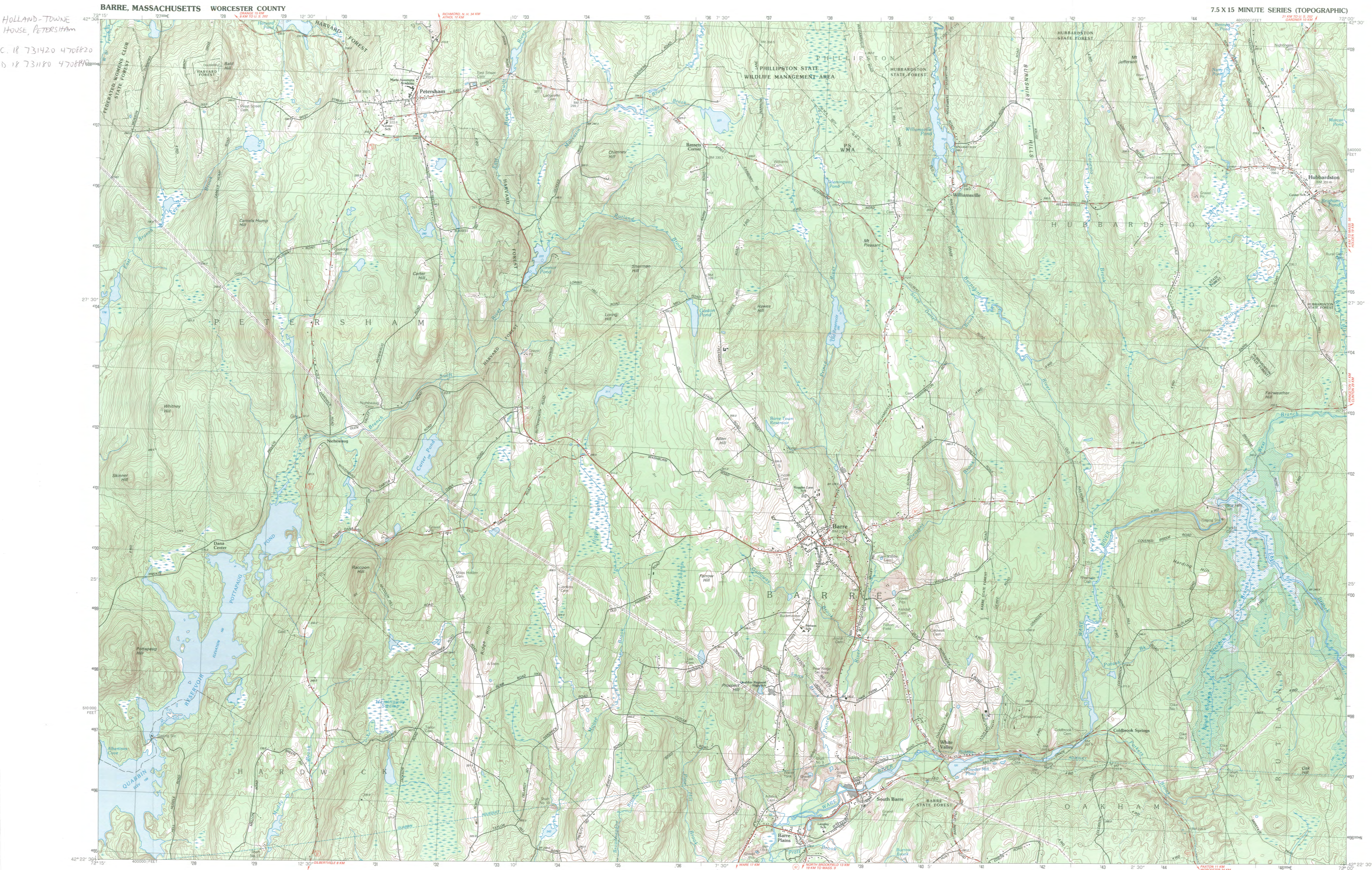
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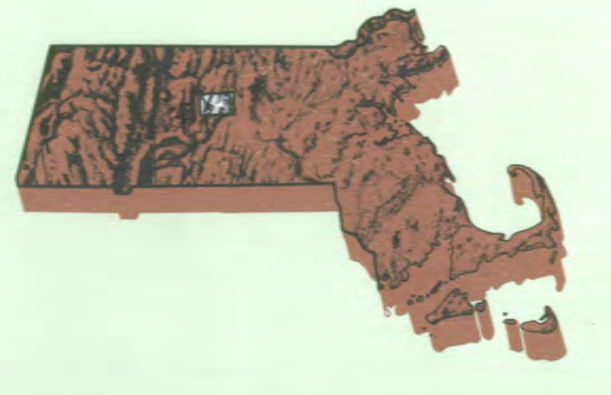
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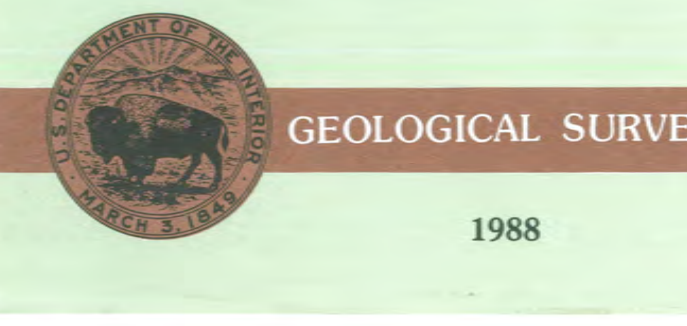


HOLLAND-TOWNE HOUSE, PETERSHAM  
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1:25 000-scale metric topographic map



- 7.5 X 15 MINUTE QUADRANGLE SHOWING
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December 8, 1989

Carol Shull  
 National Register of Historic Places  
 Department of the Interior  
 National Park Service  
 P.O. Box 37127  
 Washington, DC 20013-7127

Dear Ms. Shull:

Enclosed please find the following nomination:

The Holland-Towne House, Massachusetts Route 32, Petersham (Worcester County),  
 Massachusetts, 01366

There has been no owner objections for the above mentioned property.

The nomination has been voted eligible by the State Review Board and has been signed by the State Historic Preservation Officer. Owners were notified of pending State Review Board consideration 30-75 days before the meeting and were afforded the opportunity to comment. Comments received to date are attached to the nomination form.

Sincerely,

Anne E. Tait  
 Acting National Register Director  
 Massachusetts Historical Commission

Enclosure:



June 15, 1990

Carol Shull  
National Register of Historic Places  
Department of the Interior  
National Park Service  
P.O. Box 37127  
Washington, DC 20013-7127

Dear Ms. Shull:

Please find the Holland - Towne House National Register Nomination which was returned on 2/9/90. All corrections have been made for resubmission.

Sincerely,

*Betsy Friedberg*

Betsy Friedberg  
National Register Director  
Massachusetts Historical Commission

Enclosure:

The following properties were also entered in the National Register but were excluded from a previous notice:

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MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex County  
Central Square Historic District  
Cambridge NHR  
Roughly Massachusetts Ave. from Clinton St. to Main St.  
Cambridge 3/02/90 90000128  
DeRosay--McNamee House  
Cambridge NHR  
50 Mt. Vernon St.  
Cambridge 3/02/90 90001042

Plymouth County  
Middleborough Waterworks  
E. Grove St. at Wampanoag River and Wareham St. at Burden Hill Rd.  
Middleborough 3/02/90 90000129

Worcester County  
Holland--Towne House  
SR 32  
Petersham 2/09/90 89002327

NEW MEXICO

Lincoln County  
Archaeological Site LR 12153  
Prehistoric and Historic Agricultural Sites in the Lower Rio Bonito Valley TR  
Address Restricted  
Lincoln vicinity 2/18/90 88001508  
Archaeological Site LR 61202  
Prehistoric and Historic Agricultural Sites in the Lower Rio Bonito Valley TR  
Address Restricted  
Lincoln vicinity 2/18/90 88001511

RHODE ISLAND

Providence County  
Fenner, Thomas, House  
43 Stony Acre Dr.  
Cranston 3/02/90 90000143

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CONNECTICUT

New Haven County  
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Roughly bounded by Church, State, George, and Court Sts.  
New Haven 84001135  
ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION 3/05/90

KENTUCKY

Breathitt County  
L & M Railroad Depot  
Jackson NHR  
Armory Dr.  
Jackson 86000279  
RENOVAL 3/06/90

TENNESSEE

Franklin County  
Falls Mills Historic District  
Old Salem-Lewis and Falls Mill Rds.  
Muntland vicinity 87001158  
ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION 3/07/90  
Mann, R. W., House  
W of Old Salem off U.S. 64  
Old Salem vicinity 77001271  
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Valentine Square  
111 N. Cedar St.  
Winchester 84000375  
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Tate, Metherland, House  
Mapler Rd.  
Mapler vicinity 84003577  
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Maury County

Kennedy, James, House  
Rogers Ford Rd.  
Columbia vicinity 87001780  
ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION 3/07/90

The following property was  
erroneously included on a previous list  
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MASS

Worcester County

Holland--Towne House

SR 32

Petersham 2/9/90 89002327

on list date 5/11/90

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Lincoln vicinity 2/18/90 88001502  
Archaeological Site LR 61202  
Prehistoric and Historic Agricultural Sites in the Lower Rio  
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L & M Railroad Depot  
Jackson MRA  
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Jackson 86000279  
REMOVAL 3/08/90

TENNESSEE

Franklin County  
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Holland - Towne  
House

Worcester Co., MA

weekly list of 3/16/90

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but it was a  
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ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION 3/07/90

The Director of the National Park Service is pleased to inform you that the following properties have been entered in the National Register of Historic Places. For further information call 202/343-9542.

WEEKLY LIST OF LISTED PROPERTIES  
3/05/90 THROUGH 3/10/90

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KEY: Property Name, Multiple Name, Address/Boundary, City,  
Vicinity, Certification Date, Reference Number, NHL status

#### KENTUCKY

Menderson County  
North Main Street Historic District  
N. Main St. From Fifth to Eighth Sts.  
Menderson 3/07/90 90000297

#### LOUISIANA

Recension Parish  
Pone House  
LA 1 at Delany Ln.  
Smoke Bend 3/08/90 90000323

#### MASSACHUSETTS

Essex County  
Boardman, John, House  
First Period Buildings of Eastern Massachusetts TR  
6 Lawrence Rd.  
Boxford 3/09/90 90000361

#### MISSISSIPPI

Harrison County  
Fisherman's Cottage  
Biloxi MRA  
138 Lanuse St.  
Biloxi 3/09/90 84002182

#### NEW HAMPSHIRE

Belknap County  
First Congregational Church  
Church St. W of Main St.  
Rilton 3/09/90 90000386  
Second Free Baptist Church  
Main St., S of Church St.  
Rilton 3/09/90 90000387

#### NORTH CAROLINA

Jackson County  
Hall, Lucius Coleman, House  
Off. NC 116, 0.1 mi. E of jct. with SR 1367  
Webster vicinity 3/09/90 90000365

#### OHIO

Franklin County  
Longenecker, Doctor, Office Building  
633--5 High St.  
Worthington 3/09/90 90000379

Hanilton County  
Hoadley, George, Jr., House  
2337 Grandin Rd.  
Cincinnati 3/09/90 90000380

Henry County  
First Presbyterian Church  
303 W. Washington  
Napoleon 3/09/90 90000381

Hocking County  
Ladies Comfort Station  
S. Mulberry St.  
Logan 3/09/90 90000382

Know County  
McFarland, James, House  
7854 Newark Rd.  
Mount Vernon vicinity 3/09/90 90000384  
North Main--North Gay Streets Historic District  
Roughly bounded by Curtis St., N. Gay St., Public Sq., and W  
Main St.  
Mount Vernon 3/09/90 90000383

Ottawa County  
Carroll Township Hall  
Toussaint E. Rd. and Behlman Rd.  
Oak Harbor vicinity 3/09/90 90000385

Perry County  
Glenford Bank  
Main and Broad Sts.  
Glenford 3/09/90 90000389

#### OREGON

Clatsop County  
Larson, Peter and Maria, House  
611 31st St.  
Astoria 3/09/90 90000374

#### OREGON

Jackson County  
Driver, E. Raymond, House  
4140 Old Stage Rd.  
Central Point vicinity 3/09/90 90000372

Lane County  
University of Oregon Library and Memorial Quadrangle  
Kincaid St. at E. Fifteenth Ave.  
Eugene 3/09/90 90000370

Multnomah County  
Blake McCall Company Building  
215 SE. Ankeny St.  
Portland 3/09/90 90000371  
Jacobberger, Josef, House  
1502 SW. Upper Mall St.  
Portland 3/09/90 90000369  
Lewis, William M., Model House  
2877 NW. Westover Rd.  
Portland 3/06/90 90000274

Polk County  
Dones, Walter J., House  
8240 Pacific Hwy. W.  
Richyhall vicinity 3/09/90 90000373

#### PENNSYLVANIA

Erie County  
North East Historic District  
Roughly bounded by Division, N. Lake, Eagle, N. Pearl, and G  
ibson Sts.  
North East 3/09/90 90000414  
Union City Historic District  
Roughly bounded by Third, High, Main, and South Sts.  
Union City 3/09/90 90000417  
Waterford Borough Historic District  
Roughly bounded by N. Park Row, High, W. First, and Walnut S  
ts.  
Waterford 3/09/90 90000419  
West 21st Street Historic District  
125--262 W. 21st St. and 2014--2125 Sassafras St.  
Erie 3/09/90 90000418

Philadelphia County  
Kensington Branch of the Philadelphia YWCA  
174 W. Allegheny Ave.  
Philadelphia 3/09/90 90000415  
Tacony Music Hall  
4815--19 Longshore Ave.  
Philadelphia 3/09/90 90000413

#### PENNSYLVANIA

York County  
Indian Steps Cabin  
Indian Steps Rd.  
Rirville 3/09/90 90000416

#### WISCONSIN

Grant County  
Main Street Commercial Historic District  
Roughly bounded by Chestnut, Furnace, Benson, Mineral, Oak,  
and Pine  
Platteville 3/09/90 90000377

Milwaukee County  
East Brady Street Historic District  
E. Brady St. from N. Farwell Ave. to N. Van Buren St.  
Milwaukee 3/09/90 90000363

Sauk County  
Our Lady of Loretto Roman Catholic Church and Cemetery  
Co. Hwy. C, 1 mi. W of Denzer  
Money Creek 3/09/90 90000378

Multiple Resource Areas are identified by MRA  
Multiple Property Submissions are identified by MPS  
Thematic Resources are identified by TR  
NHL designates a National Historic Landmark